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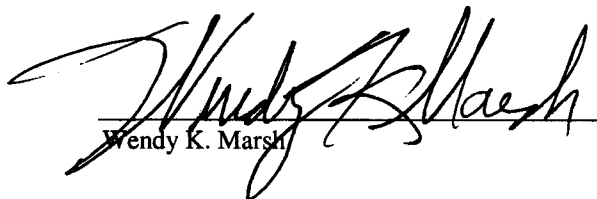
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Japanese Patent Application 2003-583567 is the Japanese national phase equivalent of W003/086559 to the Mayontek Corporation, and the family members include US Application 10/511027. In an Examiner's Report dated September 30, 2008, the Japanese Examiner cited a new citation JP Sh07-17079Y(1932-17079) against JP 2003-583567. A copy of this new citation together with a verified English translation is enclosed.

Although the report has been dated September 20, 2008, the Australian agents did not receive the report until October 20, 2008 and an English translation of the cited document was received on the November 17, 2008.

It is the Applicant's opinion that the subject described in the new citation is not relevant to the patentability of the invention claimed in US 10/511027.

The invention described in the English translation has three discs, one fixed and two rotating concentric discs mounted thereon. Each disc has 52 regions; the outermost immobile disc have the numbers 1 to 52 on the regions; the middle rotating disc has clubs, diamonds and spades and the innermost rotating disc has the numbers 1 to 10 and letters J, Q and K thereon.

The described device is a novelty and is not suitable for commercial use. Unlike the claimed invention of US 10/511027, it is not limited to only 49 or 50 selectable regions each with playing card indicia, and the regions are not selectable by a single operation of the rotatable wheel. The device of the new citation requires two selection operations, the spinning of the middle disc and the spinning of the inner disc.

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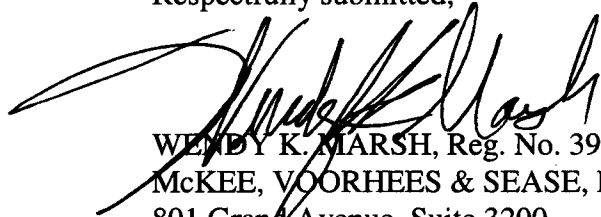
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